



*The November 2011 Shofar*  
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### **CHAI SOCIETY'S NEW YEAR**

Question: What do the following have in common?

- The Rabbi Richard J. Sobel lectures on early Christianity
- Mother's Day brunch
- The effect of comets on climate change, species extinction, and European plagues
- The legacy of great cantors of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- The reason the United States did not blow up the railroads to Nazi concentration camps

Answer: All are programs of the *Chai* Society, the Temple's educational and social club for men and women.

All are welcome at *CHAI SOCIETY* events, and everyone can (and should) be a member. The new year for *CHAI SOCIETY* programs began in September, with a fabulous breakfast buffet and a presentation on Herbert Lehman, New York's first Jewish governor, by professor emeritus Norman Enhorning, of SUNY Adirondack.

It is time to support the wonderful programs the *CHAI SOCIETY* presents during the year. The dues are only \$18 ("*Chai*") per individual for the entire year of intellectual stimulation and fantastic breakfasts. Please make your check payable to Temple Beth El Brotherhood and mail it NOW to Sanford Searleman, 12 Pollazzo Court, Queensbury, NY 12804.

### **CHAI SOCIETY BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Topic: The Top Ten Most Amazing Bird Facts

Speaker: Joyce Miller, Senior Reference Librarian at SUNY Adirondack

Date and Time: Sunday, November 20, 9:30 am

Summary: In this talk, world birder Joyce Miller will count down ten of the most superhuman abilities that birds possess. You'll learn about avian habits, traits, lifestyles and biology that make birds unique from other animals. The next time you see a bird, you may look at it with new eyes!

Joyce Miller is a Professor of Library Science at SUNY Adirondack. She serves as the reference and instruction librarian and the science librarian. She has graduate degrees in library science and administration and leadership.

A birder for more than 30 years, she has traveled to six continents in recent years to see birds and other wildlife. She has now seen almost 20% of the world's 10,000 bird species. She is a member of many birding organizations, including the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society, Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, New York State Ornithological Association and the American Birding Association. She taught the birding class "Street Tweets" this spring at Red Fox Books.

The chef for this breakfast will be Sandy Searleman.

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## Ask the Rabbi

Instead of a Rabbi's message, Rabbi Durbin will host an "Ask the Rabbi" column where he responds to questions from our readers. We look forward to hearing your questions sent to Katie in the Temple office. Or you might have questions for the Temple's historian or board members or various committees of the Temple. Send them in! If you wish to express an opinion or idea instead of a question, we welcome "guest editorials." Help us to make *The Shofar* more interesting.

## Rabbi's Message

Question: What is the Reform Movement's, as well as Temple Beth El's, position on performing gay marriages?

Answer: On June 24, 2011, New York State made a monumental and historic change to allow Same Sex Marriages to take place in the State of New York. New York is now the largest state with legislation permitting the union of gay couples. A long overdue decision that entitles every human being the right to love, the right to companionship, the right not to be discriminated against based on sexual orientation. A huge achievement for New York - a step in the right direction!

Reform Judaism has always placed at its helm the sanctity of life and happiness. The Union for Reform Judaism, for a while now, has given the right of same sex marriages to the discretion of the rabbis; meaning that the rabbis of the movement have complete discretion if they wish to sanctify such a union. However, the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) position on the issue is about the concept of *Kulanu*, meaning "all of us" as a welcoming acknowledgment that all families and individuals, whether traditional or non-traditional, lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered, are welcome and invited to participate in the activities of the congregation and will be afforded equal respect and prestige within the congregational community." The Movement supports the inclusion of same-sex unions within the definition of marriage.

*"Do not lie with a male as one lies with a woman; it is abhorrence."* (Leviticus 18:22)

This line from our tradition is perhaps one of the most contentious and challenging issues we as Jews struggle with. As Reform Jews, it is about perspective and interpretation. How can we whole-heartedly agree with this statement when we believe that each person is created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in God's image? Surely God wants us to be happy. Are we not commanded to love each person as we love God? How can we then discriminate against others in terms of sexual preference? Are we not entitled to happiness and joy?

While we as Reform Jews do not accept this statement, we do however, have a huge regard for our past, our tradition and the words in our Torah. We are obligated to take the words of Torah seriously, **not** literally.

The URJ and Temple Beth El are in complete agreement that every Jew, regardless of sexual preference is entitled to happiness, joy and love and should be embraced in the community. Who are we to judge? Who is to say that a gay couple cannot have children or adopt and bring that child home and provide a warm welcoming Jewish home and raise that child with a Jewish education and Jewish upbringing? In the eyes of Reform Judaism, that child is Jewish. If one does not choose to have a family, who is say that they cannot create a Jewish home, creating meaning and value for themselves?

We are created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in God's Divine image. Therefore God loves each and every one of us, and such love and protection is afforded to all people regardless of sexual identity.

We live in exciting times, we live in a state that I am proud to call my own, a state that is accessible and respectful of everyone's decision to have the right to love and be loved.

"Do unto others as you yourself would want done unto you." Perhaps we need to listen to these words before we judge others on their sexual orientation. How can we deny someone else's right to love and happiness? The answer is unequivocally that we can't and we shouldn't. We need to see each person as created in God's image and God loves everyone. Therefore we must love each person as we love ourselves. Only then, will we see harmony and bring about social cohesion in our world!



## President's Message

After the full weeks preceding and during the High Holy Days, *Sukkoth*, and *Simchat Torah*, the Temple is a little quieter. But that doesn't mean it's less busy. Now Maxine Wasserman and Rachel Gartner and their committee are gearing up for the rummage sale on November 6. What a perfect time to lend your time and hands. The rummage sale is labor intensive; the committee needs your help. Check the schedule in the *Shofar*, and when you can, lend your hands and your time.

Another way to lend your hands and time is to help Katie when she prepares mailings. The *Shofar* is sent monthly as are fliers that remind us of special events. There are also printings throughout the year like the Yizkor Book and programs for special religious services. Many hands are needed when we prepare the Honey Gift Packages. Come with friends, make some tea, set up in the Bubble room, and help fold, staple, stuff and affix labels. In an hour you'll be done; and, in that hour you will have done a *mitzvah*.

We also need a telephone tree, not just to remind our members about up-coming events or to ask for help, but to alert them of any changes. Remember last year when we could not open the Temple for Shabbat because of the snow? Receiving a phone call would have relieved indecision and in the case of those who did come, a difficult trip.

When you give your time and energy, you become an active participant in the congregation and its activities. You make events and projects happen. You do not sit back and "let others do it." In the spirit of Maimonides, give Temple your time and perform a *mitzvah*.

Barbara Rosoff

## Thank you!!!!

I want to thank all the choir members and Bruce North the cellist who came out every Monday beginning in July to practice for the High Holy Days. The services were especially good and meaningful to me. I'd like to thank Lisa DeMarco, Debbie Friedman, Linda Friedman, Christine McDonald, Camille Wodicka, Karen Marks, Ken Simmons, Steve Adler, and Bruce North. Thank you!!!!

Diane Martin

## Tree of Life

It is fall and the leaves are falling but what they are falling off of is the Tree of Life in the Homeroom. I have asked the seventh and eighth graders to help me glue, pin or whatever to put the leaves back on the tree. We will clean the leaves first and put the families back together. If you are thinking of purchasing a leaf for a family member, come look at the tree and see where you would like your leaf to be placed and then call me.

Elaine Sobel (792-6192)

## Get Well Soon

Lydia Adler, Steve Adler, Ronald Binns, Paul Cattabiani, John Dessingue, Len Every, Elaine Faller, Victor Friedman, Alan Gartner, Dawn Gideon, Diann Gordon, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, James Hipp, Janet Jobst, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Walt Kendall, Paula Knight, Elizabeth Levy, Sandra Lewis, Harold Luria, Leonard Meyers, Richard Muller, Paul Offricht, Jessica Panebianco, Gerald Rothstein, Edie Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Sonny Segan, Frank Sheridan, Sally Strasser, Crystal Stefanovick, Jennifer Steuer, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, William Vogt, Carol Wells, Jared Winchell, Bertel Wolfe



### Torah Portions

**November 5**

**Lech Lecha**

Pent. Gen. 12:1-17:27

Pr. Isa. 40:27-41:16

**November 12**

**Vayera**

Pent. Gen. 18:1-22:24

Pr. II Kings 4:L1-37

**November 19**

**Chaye Sarah**

Pent. Gen. 23:1-25:18

Pr. I Kings 1:1-31

**November 26**

**Toledot**

Pent. Gen. 25:19-28:9

Pr. I Sam. 20:18-42

### 10 Minutes of Torah

The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. All you need to do is find ten minutes a day to "do Torah." Reform Jews committed to having Judaism in their daily lives are encouraged to participate in 10 minutes a day of personal connection to a Jewish text, issue or topic. For example: Monday—Reform Voices of Torah; Tuesday—Mishnah Day; Wednesday—Israel Connection; Thursday—Delving into Liturgy; Friday—Jewish World & Social Action. Select all five days or any combination. Each weekday morning, an e-mail will be delivered to your inbox for you to study at your convenience. Sign up for 10 Minutes of Torah by visiting: [www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten](http://www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten). Take your study of 10 Minutes of Torah to the next level by signing up for *Eilu V'eilu*.

### Appreciation

To **Allison Levin** for coordinating all the food for Pizza in the Hut and to **Antonio's Restaurant** for preparing the delicious, creative pizzas with care and enthusiasm.

To **Barry & Ami Goldstein** for hosting an Oneg in October in honor of Ami becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*.

### Mazel Tov

To **Ami Goldstein** for becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* on October 22, 2011.

### The 2012 Entertainment Books are on sale now in the Temple office!

**Please support our fundraiser!**

**For only \$30, the Entertainment Book includes:**

- \* **Up to 50% off at your favorite restaurants!**
- \* **Great deals on travel!**
- \* **Big savings on shopping, services, and entertainment!**

**Plus this year the book includes a Bonus Card for additional dollars off purchases from popular merchants!**

**Get yours from Katie in the Temple Office!**

### Book Club

Here is the list of books that we will be discussing in the upcoming months:

November 8: Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff

December 13: Annual Book Club Channukah Party

January 10: Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin

February 14: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

March 14: No Ordinary Time by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Don't forget, we meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Temple. All are welcome and happy reading!

Karen Marks



## **Community Action—*Mitzvah* Opportunities**

Throughout the High Holy days we were reminded that "Repentance, Prayer and Acts of Kindness help to avert the severe decree." The congregation's generous response to Nancy Fagelman's request for donations of food items for the Food Pantry at the Family Services Association suggest that many of us made the connection.

With this issue of *The Shofar* we initiate a regular feature article to advise readers of additional opportunities to perform *Mitzvot* in the form of Community Action. To begin, we provide three suggestions:

1. Continue to bring donated food items to Temple so that the Family Services Association and consumers of their services can benefit throughout the calendar year.
2. As you become aware of unmet needs in the community (whether they be ongoing or occasional, general or individually specific) please notify the Temple Office or the Rabbi so we might continue to inform our readers of different ways to engage in "acts of *Tzedakah*."
3. When you learn of such unmet needs and are able to help out, please respond promptly. You will be glad that you did and will have helped someone in a way that you might not have imagined.

Temple member, Debbie Friedman has provided us with our first new "*Mitzvah* Opportunity." Please read her article and let us know how you can help.

## **Troy City School District—*Mitzvah* Opportunity**

Teaching band in the Troy City School District is rewarding. However, the district's music program is facing some major hurdles. TCSD is an urban school district with a high poverty rate and many students are on free or reduced lunch programs. To help reduce the cost to our students and families, the district owns and provides all the instruments. We do not ask the students to purchase or rent their own instruments as a condition of participation in the music program and are proud to provide this to our families and students. The downside is that it presents a dilemma for us as music educators. The number of instruments available limits the number of students who can participate in instrumental programs because we don't have enough instruments. In addition, if any instruments need repair or are lost throughout the year, additional students may no longer be able to participate in the program.

The music programs at Troy City School District need your help. We are reaching out to you for instrument donations and support - even ones that you think aren't useable can possibly be used for parts or repaired. We are currently in need of the following instruments in TCSD: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion, Violin, Viola and Cello.

If you or anyone you know have any of these instruments and would like to donate them, I can be reached at 518-791-0899 or [friedmand@troy.k12.ny.us](mailto:friedmand@troy.k12.ny.us).

If you or anyone you know would like to make a monetary donation to the music department, please make your checks payable to the Troy City School District and mail them to Jason Boemio, Curriculum Leader, School 18, 417 Hoosick Street, Troy, NY 12180.

Thank you!

Deborah Friedman

Music Teacher and Temple Member

**NOVEMBER 2011**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	2 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	3 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	4 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	5 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
6 8:30 a.m. Pedlar's Fair  9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	7 6:30 p.m. Mysteries of the Midrash	8 10 a.m. Book Club ( <u>Cleopatra: A Life</u> by Stacy Schiff)  12 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting  5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	9 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	10 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	11 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by the Schanzer & Yu Families	12 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
13 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple  1 p.m. Suckman Unveiling	14 6:30 p.m. Mysteries of the Midrash	15 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew  <b>Shofar Deadline</b>	16 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	17 2 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	18 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by the Board of Trustees in honor of special people	19 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
20 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple  9:30 a.m. <i>Chai</i> Society Breakfast (Guest speaker Joyce Miller)	21 6:30 p.m. Mysteries of the Midrash	22 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew	23  <b>Rabbi Away</b>	24  <b>Temple Office Closed</b>	25 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	26
27	28	29 5:30 p.m. Beginner Hebrew  7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting  <b>Rabbi Returns</b>	30 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue			

**Save the Date**

December 18: Latke Fest

December 23: Family Service and Channukah Dinner



## **Classes with Rabbi Durbin**

### **Mysteries of the Midrash**

*Mondays, November 7 - November 21 at 6:30 p.m.*

Come and study some of the illustrative stories from our tradition and our past as we explore the messages and meanings behind some of our Midrashic parables and their impact and influences in our modern world.

### **The Rise of Reform Judaism**

*Tuesday December 6 and 13 at 6:30 p.m.*

Have you ever wondered how the Reform Movement came about? Come for a lively discussion as we explore the Platforms and positions of the Reform Movement and its history of becoming the world's largest movement.

### **Turning Swords into Ploughshares**

*Saturday, December 10 and 17 at 1 p.m.*

This is a text study on our scriptures as they relate to war and discord among our history. We will examine our texts in the light of positive resolutions attained by our sages. All are welcome to attend. No experience necessary.

### **Jumping Into Judaism**

*Mondays, December 5 - December 19 at 6:30 p.m.*

This is a three-week crash course on the history of Judaism from its early sources to Jewish history, lifecycles, and festivals. It is a broad course offering a "Taste" of Judaism from the last 6,000 years.

### **Jewish Value Ethics**

*Wednesdays, December 7 and 14 at 8 p.m.*

Come explore some contemporary Jewish value ethics and learn what the traditional views on the topic are and how we as Reform Jews interpret and understand them through textual analysis and a Progressive lens.

Call or e-mail Katie in the Temple Office to reserve your spot in one, some or all of these classes!

## **TSRS Update**

When I cleaned out the old storage closet in the religious school last year in order to turn it into a library, I pulled out several interesting items. The most interesting was an old wooden sign for the Temple Beth El Religious School. I just finished cleaning up the sign and have rehung it in the upstairs hallway next to an old poster of the books of the Bible, which I also found in the closet. Next to these historical items is our new plaque listing all of the previous directors of the Temple Synagogue Religious School.

I was recently in the basement of the Temple and noticed an old "grade 2" sign above a doorway, which I assume was the original second grade classroom. I removed the sign and have placed it above the doorway of our current second grade classroom. I encourage everyone to check out these old signs and new plaques that I have hung up in the religious school when you are in the Temple.

The TSRS is off to an excellent start this year. Attendance has been very good throughout the first month, and I have finally been able to find enough teachers. I would like to welcome back Denise Jackson who is returning this year to teach the 2-3 and K-1 classes with the help of her daughters. Her name was left out of the list of teachers in my October article. I am planning future events and looking forward to continued success this year.

Sincerely,

Adam Fine

TSRS Director

**Contributions****GENERAL FUND****Dave, Sue & Molly Lieberman**

In honor of Daniel Schwartz in his performance in Fiddler on the Roof

**Robert & Barbara Rosoff**

In honor of Jack Hellman's name being added to the *Mitzvah* Plaque

**Robert & Barbara Rosoff**

In honor of Ami Goldstein becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

**Sandy & Martha Searleman**

In honor of Marcia & Howard Krantz on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Jack Hellman**

In appreciation for all those who helped to make the *Mitzvah* Plaque service celebration a success: Sandy Searleman, Rabbi Durbin, Diane Martin, and the choir (and great singers Jazlyn & Goldie Hellman), the speakers, those who provided the Oneg and those who donated in my honor

**Jeff, Chris & Elizabeth Levy**

In memory of Beth Kramer Reed's grandmother, Belle Wishnick

**Herbert & Michele Levin**

In memory of Libbie Levin

**Herbert & Michele Levin**

In memory of Mary Levin

**Sandy Terwilliger**

In memory of Margaret Reeves

**Bernice Mennis**

In memory of Sidney & Mary Mennis

**Sheldon & Barbara Kramer**

In honor of Chris & Jeff Levy

**Gary Friedland**

In memory of Ralph & Eleanor Friedland

**Sherry Smith**

In memory of my beloved Dan Sherman Smith

**Donna Futia**

In honor of and thanks to my wonderful parents, Gil & Mike Siegel

**Sandy Terwilliger**

In memory of Mark Silver

**GENERAL FUND (Cont.)****Phil & Kathy Naftaly**

In memory of Albert Louis Upton

**Florence Handen**

In celebration of Ami Goldstein becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

**David & Sondra Silverhart**

In celebration of Ami Goldstein becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

**Orel Friedman**

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**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND****Dave, Sue & Molly Lieberman**

In appreciation of Rabbi Durbin

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In memory of Barbara Kramer's mother, Belle Wishnick

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**Judith Metzner Shepherd**

In celebration of Ami Goldstein becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

**ENDOWMENT FUND****Mike & Gilda Siegel**

In celebration of Ami Goldstein becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*





## PEDLAR'S FAIR - November 6

The Pedlar's Fair is Sunday, November 6. Salable items may be brought to the Temple Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or on work days. Unfortunately, we can no longer pick up large items. We desperately need your help on the following work days.

Wednesday, November 2      4pm - 7pm

Friday, November 4      10am - 1pm

On the sale day, please come to help at 8:30. Clean up starts at 12:30. We need volunteers for both these times. Please let us know if you can help.

Rachel and Maxine



# UNION FOR **MEMBER** REFORM JUDAISM

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**SERVING REFORM CONGREGATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA**

## Temple Beth El is an Affiliate Member of the Union for Reform Judaism

The Reform Movement is the largest Jewish religious movement in North America, with 1.5 million Reform Jews and more than 900 congregations that are part of the Union for Reform Judaism. Although each congregation is autonomous and very individual in its programs, worship style, and culture, all are characterized by the same core values:

- \* A God-centered Judaism that combines respect for Jewish law and Jewish tradition with a progressive religious outlook designed to remain relevant and meaningful to contemporary North American Jews
- \* A commitment to Torah (lifelong Jewish learning), *Avodah* (worship of God through prayer and observance), and *G'milut Hasadim* (the pursuit of justice, peace, and deeds of loving kindness) – expressed in lifelong study of the sacred Jewish texts, creativity and spirituality in worship, and social action fulfilling the vision of the Prophets
- \* A commitment to *klal Yisrael*, the entirety of the Jewish people, with special focus on the people and the state of Israel, and on world Jewry, particularly on the needs of Progressive congregations everywhere
- \* A community-focused religion that honors the personal autonomy of the individual and the institutional autonomy of the congregation, within a framework of egalitarianism and inclusiveness



## Temple Beth El History

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "Hope" is the chapter for 1931-1932.]

Mrs. Gelman and our other officers consented to serve us another year at our annual election in May. It was decided to continue the study period for another year. The attendance at meetings had greatly increased during the year. We met in the evening for the convenience of the few who were employed. The meeting place was optional: either at home, or in the Home Room, as the hostess or hostesses wished.

During the May meeting, Mrs. Metzner, chairman of the Religious School committee, reported that in order to have the school function properly and without interruption it was necessary to have at least one paid teacher. Mrs. Maslon suggested that during the summer months members give little home parties and raise funds for the payment of a teacher.

Mrs. Maslon and Mrs. Gelman gave a garden supper party on July 20<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Cline gave a Bicentennial bridge on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The amount raised will go toward the stipend of a teacher for the religious school. These summer activities are the third innovation, and will probably have to be continued for the sake of the religious school.

Albert M. Shulman had served us for three years as student-rabbi when he was graduated from the Jewish Institute on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Maslon presented him on behalf of the congregation with the customary "umbrella" after services on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Most surprisingly, the umbrella this time was contained in a very small envelope. Rabbi Shulman peeped within the tiny envelope and then said he was greatly pleased, that he felt deeply the kindness and the hospitality of the congregation, that he wished he could continue serving us.

June was busy and gay. There were services on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Arthur Hirsch was Bar Mitzvah on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the annual Religious School and congregational picnic at the Girl Scout camp was on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and on the 14<sup>th</sup> there was one of those suppers. The season was then considered closed.

The gaiety of June was followed by somber July. Twice in July our Temple opened its doors to comfort the bereaved. Mrs. Englander, daughter of Mrs. Edith Pawel, who had lived happily for twenty-one years in faraway Panama, lost her husband suddenly, returned to her mother with her two orphaned sons. The simple services on July 1<sup>st</sup> lightened somewhat the black burden of the mourners. On July 20<sup>th</sup> there was held the annual memorial service for Julius Jacobson, our first president. It is worth noting that this annual service comes at the time of the mourning services for the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem.

Rosh Hashanah this year came on October 1<sup>st</sup>, Yom Kippur on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Rabbi Shulman, now a fully ordained rabbi, conducted our services with great sincerity. The music, the flowers, the ever-delightful simplicity and charm of our little Temple left their impression on each of the worshipers that filled the Chapel.

To help keep our gates wide open, Miss Goldstein made her annual drive for membership and secured eleven new members for the congregation and eight for the sisterhood. On the other hand, some of our members were so hard hit by the business depression that little in the way of financial support can be expected of them this coming year.

After all the unavoidable expenses of the Temple have been met, very little will remain for the employment of a rabbi, student or permanent; probably less than half the amount we have paid a student-rabbi. Another drive on the generosity of our members like the \$1000.00 drive last year is unthinkable.

It is fortunate that Rabbi Shulman is willing to come here every other week for whatever we can pay him, unless he obtains a more remunerative post. This is but fair to his family. It is of utmost importance that the Sisterhood function vigorously, for in the loyal support of the Temple Sisterhood lies the hope for keeping the gates of our Temple wide open.

Ella Cline, *Historian*.

October, 1932.



## We Remember

Mourners Kaddish for the following individuals will be recited in Temple on the noted dates:

### November 4

\*David Bronne, \*Anna G. Cohen, Esther Cohen, Tessie Prager Cohn, Cele Finkel, \*Sarah Ginsburg, Albert Handen, Gloria Levine, \*Phillip P. Proller, Harold Shapiro, Jeanette Shapiro, \*Rose Stichman, \*Bess Weissman

### November 11

Alfred Brown, Allan Gordon, Bernard Grablow, \*Edward Israel, Elsie Jarret, \*Lillian Leinoff, \*Herman Metzner, Esther Rome, \*Elsa Gelman Rosoff, Rose Leah Rosoff, Michelle Shapiro, Louis Steinberg, \*Glenard Turner, \*Ruth Turner, \*M. Michael Yaffee

### November 18

\*Abraham Bronne, Rose Drew, Bertha Eames, \*Dorothy Fagelman, William D. Fine, Anne Daniels Goldberg, Julia Goldman, Wolf Greenman, \*Leslie Klein, \*Alexander Lazarus, \*Joshua Lowe, Pearl Munzer, \*Esther Nachman, \*Samuel Nachman, \*Isabella Schwager, Geneva Sonn

### November 25

\*Louise Bronne Baer, \*Louis Bassock, \*Carl Bronne, \*Flora Bronne, Charles Garlen, Joseph Gladstone, \*Marcos Hellenberg, Dr. Harrison Karp, Joseph Kmiecik, \*Ruth Bronne Nathan, \*William Parker, Benjamin Rothblatt, Charles Searleman, \*Shirley Segan, \*Andrea Silver, Sam Swirsky, Charles Wodicka

*(\*name appears on yearzeit plaque in the sanctuary)*

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### Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Levy (11/3), Ross Marks (11/4), Liz Giblin (11/5), Martha Searleman (11/5), Pooh Bear & Tigger Shepherd-Silver (11/9 – 5 years old!), Stuart Kaufman (11/7), Karen Hochhauser (11/9), Jazlyn Hellman (11/10), Allison Levin (11/11), William Kraus (11/14), Elizabeth Gancher (11/16), Bruce Katz (11/19), Carol Kafin (11/19), Michele French (11/20), JoAnn Daigle (11/20), Mike Seidel (11/21), Matt Levin (11/23), Ethan Hill (11/25 – 9 years old!), Stuart Ginsburg (11/26), Matthew Futia (11/26), Rachel Murray (11/26)



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Jon & Naomi Marks (11/15 – 8 years)  
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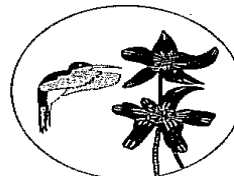


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